



Palmyra Public Safety Department
Police/Fire/Rescue
126 N. First Street
Palmyra, WI 53156

Director's Update – June 2026 Budget Status & Operations Report

2026 Budget Status (as of 6/30/2026)

- **Full-time Fire/EMS Wages:**
\$361,786 budgeted; \$196,394.58 actual (45.72% utilized)
- **Part-time Fire/EMS Wages:**
\$120,890 budgeted; \$58,630.19 actual (51.50% utilized)
- **Full-time Police Wages:**
\$169,329 budgeted; \$35,862.32 actual (21.18% utilized)*
- **Part-time Police Wages:**
\$46,350.00 budgeted; \$50,189.36 actual (108% utilized)*

Notes:

- Part-time police wages are higher than typical due to being down one full-time officer in the first half of the year, requiring increased part-time coverage.
 - Full-time police wages are trending significantly under budget (~22%), which is helping offset the increased part-time usage.
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Operations Update

Year-To-Date (YTD) 2026 Calls for Service

- **Police:** 666 (348 YTD in 2025) — approximately a **91% increase in calls** for service (including traffic stops).
- **Fire/EMS:** 159



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🚓 **The Police Division has** experienced a **91% increase** in call volume compared to this time last year, responding to **666** calls for service with the same number of officers. Despite Sgt. Lepak absorbing both Sergeant and administrative assistant duties due to extended medical leave, officers have increased proactive policing efforts, including traffic stops, business checks, and community engagement. Coverage has expanded from **5 days/10 hours per day** to **6 days/11 hours per day**. 🚓 🚒 Our PSOs have been essential in backfilling major fire incidents and supporting Fire/EMS operations when staffing is strained. The team is delivering significantly more service with the same staffing levels, demonstrating exceptional commitment, adaptability, and operational efficiency.

June 2026 Calls for Service

- **Police: 111**
- **Fire/EMS: 34**

June Critical Call Activity

Police Report

- 1 Traffic Accident reported.
- 1 **Sexual Assault** case currently under investigation.
- 1 Ongoing drug-related investigation.
- 1 **Burglary Investigation** from an apartment complex
- 1 Theft from open automobile



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Fire/EMS Report

- 2 significant traffic accidents
 - 1 **Kettle Moraine Trail Rescue for possible snake bite with new UTV**
 - 1 possible stroke
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June Response Times

- **Police Average Response Time:** 3 minutes,
- **Fire/EMS Average Response Time:** 3 minutes, 35 seconds

🕒 Rapid response times remain critical to life safety:

- Brain injury can begin within 4 minutes in cardiac or respiratory arrest.
- Fires can double in size every 60 seconds.
- Law enforcement response times are critical during high-risk incidents.

The Village of Palmyra is home to multiple schools and Standard Process, the community's largest employer. Maintaining a local police presence with an average response time of approximately 3 minutes provides significantly greater protection than reliance on mutual aid alone.

June Training & Certifications

Fire & EMS

1. 1 member enrolled in EMT class
2. 1 member enrolled in Driver Operator (pumper)
3. 1 member enrolled in Firefighter 2



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Police

- Police Instructor Classes and Recert
 - Police Administration & Organization class
 - Range
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Public Relations & Community Engagement

- Public Safety/School District Cooling Center
 - Father's Day Fly In
 - UW Whitewater PR Event
 - Lions club meetings
 - Village and Town board meetings
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Upcoming Events

- **July 18, 2026: *Palmyra Lions Club & Firefighters-Rockin' in the Park at Village Park***